REGIONAL FUGITIVE TASK FORCES

CATCH OF THE WEEK

Week of December 27th, 2004

Taking the Worst of the Worst Off the Streets

Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force

Luis Uriarte was arrested at a motel in Phoenix, Arizona by Deputy United States Marshals (DUSMs) from the District of Arizona, based on information provided by the Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force (PSWRFTF). Uriarte was wanted by the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) in connection with a December 2004 kidnapping incident during which Uriarte allegedly abducted a female victim from the North Hollywood area of Los Angeles. Authorities allege that Uriarte kidnapped the victim on December 1, 2004, and held her against her will for three weeks, releasing her on December 22, 2004 after which the incident was reported to LAPD. During the three week ordeal, Uriarte reportedly moved the victim between several different locations in Los Angeles and Riverside Counties. Uriarte is believed to have raped, beaten, burned, and threatened to kill the victim repeatedly during her time in captivity. Within hours of identifying the suspect on December 22, 2004, LAPD detectives contacted the PSWRFTF and requested assistance in locating and apprehending Uriarte. Several days later, PSWRFTF investigators and the U.S. Marshals Technical Operations Group (TOG) developed information that Uriarte was believed to be in the Phoenix area, using motels to hide out. DUSMs from the Phoenix office responded immediately and, after several days of persistent investigation, located Uriarte in a motel near Interstate 10. Uriarte initially resisted arrest and was found to be in possession of a .45 caliber handgun at the time of his apprehension.



Luis Uriarte
Wanted for
Kidnapping

Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force

On August 24, 2003, officers from the DC Metropolitan Police Department's 6th District and the United States Park Police responded to an automobile accident in which they discovered a victim lying in a grassy area suffering from blunt trauma to the head and body. On December 28, 2004, detectives from the Violent Crimes Branch secured a warrant out of D.C. Superior Court charging Morris Ray with second degree murder while armed. On the same day, the case was turned over to the Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force (CARFTF) for apprehension. Investigators worked quickly, and on December 29, 2004, located Ray in N.W. Washington, D.C. and arrested him without incident.



Wanted for Murder

Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force

On December 30, 2004, Corre Leron Wells, wanted for armed bank robbery, was arrested in Plains, Georgia by members of the Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force (SERFTF) Macon office. After receiving a collateral lead from the Northeast Florida Apprehension Strike Team in Jacksonville, Florida, an investigation was immediately initiated. Wells had an extensive violent criminal history involving crimes of sexual assault, resisting officers, aggravated assault, theft, armed robbery, and possession of a firearm. Wells is also a prime suspect for the murder of a female in Jacksonville, Florida, in which it is alleged that after murdering the victim, the suspect allegedly burned the victim in an attempt to dispose of the body. Investigators from the Macon SERFTF were able to locate Wells through information obtained by a confidential informant. Wells was arrested and transported to the Sumter County Sheriff's office.



Wanted for Armed

Bank Robbery

Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force

Roger Sterling was wanted by the Kalamazoo, Michigan, Police Department (KPD) for the July 25, 1995 murder of his business partner. Sterling was brought in for questioning the day of the murder but was released due to a lack of evidence at the time. After additional information came to light, it was determined that Sterling did commit the murder, and on December 23, 2004, a warrant was issued for his arrest. The KPD requested the assistance of the Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force (GLRFTF) in locating and apprehending Sterling. Information was obtained by GLRFTF members indicating a possible address in Richton Park, Illinois. Task Force members observed Sterling approach the residence in a vehicle, conducted a felony vehicle stop and took Sterling into custody without incident.



Roger Sterling
Wanted for Murder

New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force

On December 30, 2004, the NY/NJ Regional Fugitive Task Force, with the assistance of the U.S. Marshals Technical Operations Group, arrested Daryl Bishop without incident in a vehicle parked in front of a residence in Absecon, New Jersey. In October 2004, the Task Force adopted the case for Bishop, who had been wanted since March 2004 by the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice on a warrant of complaint charging him with running a narcotics network, Kingpin statute. He was additionally charged with manufacturing narcotics and distribution of cocaine. The Atlantic County, New Jersey, Sheriff's Office was also investigating the whereabouts of Bishop pursuant to a warrant of indictment charging him with racketeering and operating a narcotics production facility.



Daryl Bishop

Wanted for Racketeering and Operating a Narcotics Production Facility